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Disclosure of complete
Correspondence with USSR/
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of Netaji Subhash Chandra
Bose, under RTI Act 2005

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September 12, 2014

From: Indembassy Moscow
To: Foreign New Delhi

Deputy Secretary (Eurasia) from SS(Pol)

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- (iii) Letter from Amb Kotov to Amb Ronen Sen

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4. This issues with the approval of DCM.

With Regards,

(Gopal Ram)
Second Secretary (Pol)

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Date: 09/12/14 12:45 PM

From: Sandeep Arya <dcn.moscow@mea.gov.in>

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Kindly see attachment and acknowledge receipt.

Regards.

O/o Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
Moscow

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Russian Federation

No. 2/YuA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of Republic of India and with reference to the Embassy's Note dated 16 September 1991, has the honour to inform that according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of the former President of Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, in the Soviet Union in 1945 and thereafter.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow
8 January 1992

Embassy of the
Republic of India
Moscow

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation

73/YuA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and with reference to the Embassy's note No. SA/83/95 dated July 27, 1995, has the honour to state that as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia, and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of Documents of Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow
27 October 1995

Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow

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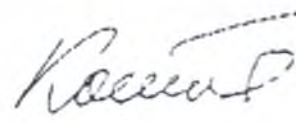
H.E. Mr. Ronen Sen
Ambassador of India
to the Russian Federation

Dear Ronen,

Enclosed You will find our note concerning Subhash Chandra Bose. Do believe that we have tried our best to discover any relevant facts.

Unfortunately, I am profoundly distressed being unable to provide any positive information on the subject of not the least importance for the Indian public. Alas, by now it appears that we can be sure that Netaji has never set foot on the Russian soil. Extensive research carried out upon the latest request of Yours can hardly leave any doubts to this effect.

Sincerely Yours,


Yu. Kotov

Indian
Ambassador
Confidential

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Intervention by H.E. Mr. Anatoly M. Drukov,
Ambassador of Russia in India during the
press-conference on the 21.02.96 in
the Foreign Correspondents' Club

In Russia as well as in the erstwhile Soviet Union Subhash Chandra Bose is deeply honoured as one of the most outstanding sons of friendly Indian people, who dedicated his whole life to the liberation of India.

We extend great respect, understanding and attention to those actions aimed at finding out true circumstances of his demise.

Along with this, being a foreigner, I can speak about the matters concerning my country only. And now I can only reiterate what my Government has already said in the verbal note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation No 73/YuA dated October 27, 1995 as a reply to the request of the Indian Government:

"As a result of the investigations carried out at the collections of the Central Archives of the Federal Security Service of Russia and of the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of Documents of Modern History, there was found no information on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the erstwhile USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years".

I realise that on the centenary anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose too much emotion appears among the representatives of different strata of Indian society.

Hence I would rather avoid any additional comments on the subject.

Thank You.

That may be the case - Russian Ambassador
on 21 Feb 96.

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Embassy of India
Moscow

Deputy Secretary(Eurasia) has requested this Mission's input on Part 2 of the RTI application from Shri Murari Srivastava, Advocate, r/o Pilibhit, UP seeking information under RTI Act 2005, whether Netaji Subash Chandra Bose is still alive in Okotoks Jail in Siberia, and, if not,:

"sought the information about the prisoner, who has been lodged in Okotoks Jail"


2. As per records available in the Mission, Russian Foreign Office vide their note No. 73/YuA dated October 27, 1995 informed that after thorough investigations of all concerned records, there is no information whatsoever of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose having stayed on the territory of the former Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years.

3. Copies of following relevant correspondence received from Russian side are placed below:-

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- (ii) No. 73/YuA dated October 27, 1995
- (iii) Letter from Ambassador Yu.Kotov to Ambassador Ronen Sen (with enclosure)


4. DFA is placed below for approval pl.

Counsellor(Pol)


(Gopal Ram)
SS(Pol)
8.9.2014





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September 9, 2014

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To: Foreign New Delhi

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3. It may be seen from the above papers that there is no information available with us ^{to suggest} on the stay of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose in ^{Russia or then USSR} the particular jail mentioned in the applicant's query. Hence, ~~it would be appropriate to reply to the applicant that no such information is available with us.~~

4. In this context, it may also be mentioned that when the Russian MFA had earlier been approached regarding the information supplied to us by them regarding Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, they had mentioned that this is only for official use.

This issue with the approval of DCA.

With Regards,

(Gopal Ram)
Second Secretary (Pol)

Counsellor (Political)

From: "dirers" <dirers@mea.gov.in>
To: <minpol@indianembassy.ru>
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For Counsellor (Pol)

Enclosed please find an RTI application from Shri Murari Srivastava, Advocate seeking information on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

It is requested that Mission's inputs on Part 2 of the question raised in the RTI application may be sent to us at an early date.

Regards.

Pankaj Saxena
Deputy Secretary (Eurasia)
Ministry of External Affairs
Room No.235G, South Block
New Delhi-110 011
Tel: 2301 4600

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doubt if we have
any such info. available;
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a political diplomatic solution. However, we're focused militarily on strengthening defense of our allies. That's our core task," Rasmussen said before a meeting with EU defense ministers.

"We're right now considering further steps to strengthen our collective defense. As I indicated, that also includes what I would call appropriate deployments," he added, commenting on the current agenda.

"But it's a bit too early to go into details as to how we will in concrete terms strengthen collective defense. But no one should doubt our determination to ensure intensive defense and protection of all allies," Rasmussen stated with no further details on the alliance's prospective strategy.

Speaking at prior meetings the Secretary-General also voiced concerns about clashes in eastern Ukraine between pro-federalization protesters and forces loyal to the government, calling on Russia to "de-escalate the crisis and pull back its large number of troops, including special forces, from the area around Ukraine's border," while warning that "any further Russian military interference" would only deepen Russia's international isolation.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov rejected Western accusations that Russia was behind the crisis in southeastern Ukraine, saying neither Russian security agents nor soldiers have been deployed to the region.

The Ministry said that NATO is attempting to use the Ukrainian crisis as an imaginary threat to unite the alliance's members, pushing for Russia's isolation.

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नई दिल्ली।

विषय:-
महोदय,

जनसूचना अधिकार अधिनियम 2005 के सन्दर्भ में।

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FACT
Diary No. 20031
& Date 11/08/14
Last Date
For Disposal 16/08/14

निवेदन इस प्रकार है कि आवेदक जनसूचना अधिकार अधिनियम 2005 में वर्णित प्रावधानों के तहत नेताजी सुभाषचन्द्र बोस से सम्बंधित निम्न सूचना चाहता है। कृपया समय सीमा के अन्तर्गत मांगी गयी सूचना उपलब्ध करवाने की कृपा करें। सूचना निम्नवत् है:-

- बिन्दु सं0 1 नेता जी सुभाषचन्द्र बोस जीवित हैं या मृत्यु को प्राप्त हो चुके हैं? यदि जीवित हैं तो कहां और किस हाल में हैं और यदि मृत्यु को प्राप्त हो चुके हैं तो उनकी मृत्यु कब, कहां और कैसे हुई है?
- बिन्दु सं0 2 क्या नेताजी बोस साइबेरिया (रूस) के 'एकोटोकटस जेल' की कोठरी नम्बर 7 में आज भी जीवित हैं? यदि नहीं तो उक्त साइबेरिया (रूस) के एकोटोकटस जेल में कैद व्यक्ति कौन और कहा का है तथा कितने वर्षों से किरा अपराध में जेल की सजा भगत रहा है?

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दिनांक:- 28/07/2014

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Президент Республики Беларусь

Официальный интернет-портал Президента Республики Беларусь

Состоялся телефонный разговор Александра Лукашенко и Владимира Путина

23 марта 2014 года

Сегодня состоялся телефонный разговор Президента Республики Беларусь Александра Лукашенко и Президента Российской Федерации Владимира Путина.

Главы государств обсудили ситуацию в экономике и на валютном рынке России. Владимир Путин подчеркнул, что какие-либо катастрофические явления отсутствуют, имеет место естественная ситуация, и у России достаточно ресурсов для поддержания стабильности экономики.

Александр Лукашенко проинформировал своего коллегу о предстоящих 23 марта выборах в местные Советы депутатов, которые Беларусь готова провести на высоком уровне.

Президенты обсудили также ситуацию в Украине и высказали общее понимание необходимости развития ситуации в интересах украинского народа и всех людей, проживающих в Украине.

Вы можете найти эту страницу по следующему адресу: http://president.gov.by/ru/news_ru/view/sostojalsja-telefonnyj-razgovor-aleksandra-lukashenko-i-prezidenta-rossijskoj-federatsii-vladimira-putina-8243

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usrs@mea.gov.in

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Kind attn: Dr. Suresh Babu, FS (Pol), E/I Moscow

Please find attached a self-explanatory note received from JS (Wel. & Inf) & CPIO regarding disclosure of correspondence over disappearance of Subhash Chandra Bose under the RTI Act for kind necessary action at your end.

best regards,

Rahul Shrivastava

(Rahul Shrivastava)
Under Secretary
7 January 2008

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No RTI/551/76/06
Ministry of External Affairs
(RTI Division)

Please refer to Dir (ERS)'s note WI (AD)/551/10/07 dated October 25, 2007 regarding disclosure of complete correspondence with the USSR/Russia over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose under the RTI Act.

The content of the note was conveyed to the Information Commissioner Dr. O.P. Kejariwal with endorsement to the applicant. The applicant has suggested to Dr. Kejariwal that the Government of India should make a request to the Government of the Russian Federation for transfer of the material under reference to the National Archive of India.

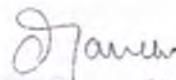
We have received a communication to this effect from the CIC which is enclosed for such action as deemed necessary.


(A.K. Nag)

JS (Wel & Inf) & CPIO
December 18, 2007

JS (ERS)

Please send a copy of this note & enclosure to M(10), E/I Moscow
for consideration / action.



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Dir (ERS) m.o. H.

by
20/12/07

JS(R)

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20/12/07

ओम प्रकाश केजरीवाल
O. P. KEJARIWAL
सूचना आयुक्त
Information Commissioner
केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग
Central Information Commission

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पं. सं. आर.टी.आई. प्र. सं. 2/07
Dy. No. 9652, 1.11.2007/2007
Date/Date: 18/12/07

November 26, 2007

Dear *Shri Nag.*

This has reference to your letter No.RTI/551/76/2006 dated 2 November 2007.

We appreciate your initiative in approaching the Russian Government for disclosure of the Netaji Subhash Bose papers for which the RTI-application was filed by Shri Anuj Dhar. We have now received a letter from the RTI-applicant a copy of which I am enclosing. In this letter what the Appellant states is that the material on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose held by the Russian authorities should be considered important from a national point of view and not one of a mere individual's interest. He suggests and reuests, therefore, that this material be transferred to the National Archives. This is not a very unusual request because I understand that the National Archives has earlier got important material on India from abroad and hence this request could fall in the same category.

I would be grateful if the matter, therefore, is pursued with the Russian Government so that whatever material is of value and interest to India may come to us especially in the present case.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

O.P. Kejariwal
(O.P. Kejariwal)

Shri A.K. Nag,
Joint Secretary (Welfare & Information),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi.

To

26 November 2007

Dr O.P. Kejariwal
Information Commissioner
Central Information Commission
Old JNU Campus, New Delhi - 110067

Subject: Request to Indian Embassy to procure post-1940 Netaji related records from Russian archives

Dear Sir

I am writing after having spoken to you on the phone over letter No.RTI/551/76/2006 dated 2nd November 2007 from Shri A.K. Nag, Central Public Information Officer, on the subject "Disclosure of complete correspondence with the USSR/Russia over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose under RTI Act, 2005". Shri Nag wrote in response to the decision No.CIC/OK/A/2006/00671 dated 10 August 2007.

Second para of the letter (copy enclosed) reads: "they (Russian Foreign Ministry) state that the Indian citizen mentioned in the note of the Embassy can approach the authorities of the Federal and State Archives of the Russian Federation, through the Embassy of India, for permission to get to know the Materials deposited in Federal and State Archives of the Russian Federation."

I think it is rather considerate on the part of the Russian Foreign Ministry to have made this offer. And so I request you to kindly consider forwarding this letter of mine to the Ministry of External Affairs, who may communicate it to the Embassy in Moscow. I request that the Embassy uses its good offices to specifically request the eight federal Russian archives (listed on next page) to:

1. Check their holdings for any post-1940 classified and declassified records pertaining to Subhas Chandra Bose and Orlando Mazzotta, the Italian alias under which Netaji entered the USSR in 1941.
2. Provide documents or annotated lists of material located.
3. Suggest what the Government of India should do in case the records cannot be thoroughly searched for or provided under existing rules or any other restraints.

I understand that these archives respond to the written requests from reputed organizations and at times provide information. A request from the Embassy of India would certainly carry much weight, considering the excellent relations India has with Russian Federation.

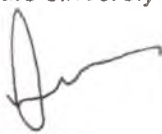
I would not want this exercise be carried out exclusively for myself. Once relevant records are identified, the Embassy may procure them for the National Archives, New Delhi. Any documents thus accessed will have great historical significance for India since they are likely to provide a never before insight into the Soviet view of Bose, his

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furtive visit there in 1941, approaches at the close of second world war for asylum and subsequent developments.

Thank you for your consideration.

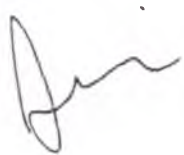
Yours sincerely


26 Nov 2007

Anuj Dhar
263, Kangra Niketan
Vikasuri, New Delhi -110018

Archives to be approached for Subhas Chandra Bose/Orlando Mazzotta related records

1. Arkhiv Prezidenta Rossiiskoi Federatsii (AP RF)
[Archive of the President of the Russian Federation]
103012, Moscow, Nikol'skii per., 4
Tel: (495) 606-13-33; Fax: (495) 606-19-66
2. Istoriko-dokumental'nyi departament Ministerstva inostrannykh del RF (IDD MID)
[Historico-Documentary Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs]
119200, Moscow, Smolenskaia-Sennaia ploshchad', 32/34
Tel: (495) 244-32-19; Fax: (495) 244-44-11, 244-27-80
3. Arkhiv vneshnei politiki Rossiiskoi Federatsii (AVP RF)
[Archive of Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation]
119200, Moscow, Plotnikov per., 11
Tel: (495) 241-04-80
4. Tsentral'nyi arkhiv Ministerstva oborony RF (TsAMO)
[Central Archive of the Ministry of Defense]
142100, Moskovskaia oblast', Podol'sk, ul. Kirova, 74
Tel: (495) 715-90-05, (0967) 54-00-03
5. Glavnoje Razvedyvatel'noje Upravlenije (GRU), Military Intelligence Directorate archives
Address not known to me; but can be obtained from TsAMO.
6. Tsentral'nyi arkhiv Federal'noi sluzhby bezopasnosti RF (TsA FSB Rossii)
[Central Archive of the Federal Security Service]
101000, Moscow, ul. Bol'shaia Lubianka
Tel: 914-60-26 (Directorate of Registration and Archival Fonds)
7. Operativnyi arkhiv Sluzhby vneshnei razvedki RF (Arkhiv SVR Rossii)
[Operational Archive of the Foreign Intelligence Service]
119034, Moscow, ul. Ostozhenka, 51/10
Tel: (495) 247-19-38, 245-33-68; Fax: (495) 247-05-29
8. Tsentral'nyi arkhiv Ministerstva vnutrennikh del RF (TsA MVD Rossii)
[Central Archive of the Ministry of Internal Affairs]
117418, Moscow, ul. Novochemushkinskaia, 67
(Archive): ul. Zoi i Aleksandra Kosmodem'ianskikh, 5
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best regards,

Rahul Shrivastava
(Rahul Shrivastava)
Under Secretary
7 January 2008

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Ministry of External Affairs
(RTI Division)

Please refer to Dir (ERS)'s note WI (AD)/551/10/07 dated October 25, 2007 regarding disclosure of complete correspondence with the USSR/Russia over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose under the RTI Act.

The content of the note was conveyed to the Information Commissioner Dr. O.P. Kejariwal with endorsement to the applicant. The applicant has suggested to Dr. Kejariwal that the Government of India should make a request to the Government of the Russian Federation for transfer of the material under reference to the National Archive of India.

We have received a communication to this effect from the CIC which is enclosed for such action as deemed necessary.

(Signature)
 (A.K. Nag)

JS (Wel & Inf) & CPIO
 December 18, 2007

JS (ERS)

Please send a copy of this note & enclosures to M(For), E/I Moscow for consideration / action.

(Signature)
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DIR(ERS) no. H. 10/12/07

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ओम प्रकाश केजरीवाल
O. P. KEJARIWAL
सूचना आयुक्त
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डा. मं. भारद्वाज प्रमोद
By. No. 2652, I.T.I. Chh./2007
Date/Date: 18/12/07

November 26, 2007

Dear *Shri Nag.*

This has reference to your letter No.RTI/551/76/2006 dated 2 November 2007.

We appreciate your initiative in approaching the Russian Government for disclosure of the Netaji Subhash Bose papers for which the RTI-application was filed by Shri Anuj Dhar. We have now received a letter from the RTI-applicant a copy of which I am enclosing. In this letter what the Appellant states is that the material on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose held by the Russian authorities should be considered important from a national point of view and not one of a mere individual's interest. He suggests and reuests, therefore, that this material be transferred to the National Archives. This is not a very unusual request because I understand that the National Archives has earlier got important material on India from abroad and hence this request could fall in the same category.

I would be grateful if the matter, therefore, is pursued with the Russian Government so that whatever material is of value and interest to India may come to us especially in the present case.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

O.P. Kejariwal
(O.P. Kejariwal)

Shri A.K. Nag,
Joint Secretary (Welfare & Information),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi.

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To

26 November 2007

Dr O.P. Kejariwal
Information Commissioner
Central Information Commission
Old JNU Campus, New Delhi - 110067

Subject: Request to Indian Embassy to procure post-1940 Netaji related records from Russian archives

Dear Sir

I am writing after having spoken to you on the phone over letter No.RTI/551/76/2006 dated 2nd November 2007 from Shri A.K. Nag, Central Public Information Officer, on the subject "Disclosure of complete correspondence with the USSR/Russia over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose under RTI Act, 2005". Shri Nag wrote in response to the decision No.CIC/OK/A/2006/00671 dated 10 August 2007.

Second para of the letter (copy enclosed) reads: "they (Russian Foreign Ministry) state that the Indian citizen mentioned in the note of the Embassy can approach the authorities of the Federal and State Archives of the Russian Federation, through the Embassy of India, for permission to get to know the Materials deposited in Federal and State Archives of the Russian Federation."

I think it is rather considerate on the part of the Russian Foreign Ministry to have made this offer. And so I request you to kindly consider forwarding this letter of mine to the Ministry of External Affairs, who may communicate it to the Embassy in Moscow. I request that the Embassy uses its good offices to specifically request the eight federal Russian archives (listed on next page) to:

1. Check their holdings for any post-1940 classified and declassified records pertaining to Subhas Chandra Bose and Orlando Mazzotta, the Italian alias under which Netaji entered the USSR in 1941.
2. Provide documents or annotated lists of material located.
3. Suggest what the Government of India should do in case the records cannot be thoroughly searched for or provided under existing rules or any other restraints.

I understand that these archives respond to the written requests from reputed organizations and at times provide information. A request from the Embassy of India would certainly carry much weight, considering the excellent relations India has with Russian Federation.

I would not want this exercise be carried out exclusively for myself. Once relevant records are identified, the Embassy may procure them for the National Archives, New Delhi. Any documents thus accessed will have great historical significance for India since they are likely to provide a never before insight into the Soviet view of Bose, his

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furtive visit there in 1941, approaches at the close of second world war for asylum and subsequent developments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely


Anuj Dhar
263, Kangra Niketan
Vikaspuri, New Delhi -110018

26 Nov 2007

Archives to be approached for Subhas Chandra Bose/Orlando Mazzotta related records

1. Arkhiv Prezidenta Rossiiskoi Federatsii (AP RF)
[Archive of the President of the Russian Federation]
103012, Moscow, Nikol'skii per., 4
Tel: (495) 606-13-33; Fax: (495) 606-19-66
2. Istoriko-dokumental'nyi departament Ministerstva inostrannykh del RF (IDD MID)
[Historico-Documentary Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs]
119200, Moscow, Smolenskaia-Sennaia ploshchad', 32/34
Tel: (495) 244-32-19; Fax: (495) 244-44-11, 244-27-80
3. Arkhiv vneshnei politiki Rossiiskoi Federatsii (AVP RF)
[Archive of Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation]
119200, Moscow, Plotnikov per., 11
Tel: (495) 241-04-80
4. Tsentral'nyi arkhiv Ministerstva oborony RF (TsAMO)
[Central Archive of the Ministry of Defense]
142100, Moskovskaia oblast', Podol'sk, ul. Kirova, 74
Tel: (495) 715-90-05, (0967) 54-00-03
5. Glavnoye Razvedyvatel'noye Upravleniye (GRU), Military Intelligence Directorate archives
Address not known to me; but can be obtained from TsAMO.
6. Tsentral'nyi arkhiv Federal'noi sluzhby bezopasnosti RF (TsA FSB Rossii)
[Central Archive of the Federal Security Service]
101000, Moscow, ul. Bol'shaia Lubyanka
Tel: 914-60-26 (Directorate of Registration and Archival Fonds)
7. Operativnyi arkhiv Sluzhby vneshnei razvedki RF (Arkhiv SVR Rossii)
[Operational Archive of the Foreign Intelligence Service]
119034, Moscow, ul. Ostozhenka, 51/10
Tel: (495) 247-19-38, 245-33-68; Fax: (495) 247-05-29
8. Tsentral'nyi arkhiv Ministerstva vnutrennikh del RF (TsA MVD Rossii)
[Central Archive of the Ministry of Internal Affairs]
117418, Moscow, ul. Novocheremushkinskaya, 67
(Archive): ul. Zoi i Aleksandra Kosmodem'ianskikh, 5
Tel: (495) 156-79-90

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**Embassy of India, Moscow
(Political Wing)**

Subject : Disclosure of complete correspondence with USSR/Russia over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, under RTI Act, 2005; Appeal filed by Shri Anuj Dhar under RTI, 2005 reg .

Reference remarks made by the Ambassador on FR, a letter from JS (Wel. & Inf) addressed to Shri O.P. Kejariwal, Information Commissioner, copy endorsed to Min (Pol) on the above subject.

Back ground of the case: On receipt of a copy of AS(PP)'s Note No. RTI-36/AS(PP)/07 dated 9.4.2007 on the above subject, Mission vide fax dated 13.04.07 forwarded few copies of Mission's correspondence with the local authorities on the subject to AS(PP). ----- **At F/ A.**

Subsequently on receipt of JS(ERS)'s letter No. 11/JS(ERS)/2007 dated 20.4.07 enclosed with AS(PP)'s Note No. 30/AS(PP)/07 & JS(CNV)'s Note along with copies of correspondence available in CNV Division on the subject, Mission has sent a Note Verbale No. SA/89/07 dated 17.5.2007 to Russian Foreign Ministry, requesting for the views of the Russian side whether the information provided by them could be released to the appellant. ----- **At F/B.**

Documents provided by Russian side and forwarded to the Commission:

(i) Documents initially provided by the Russian side attached with Note Verbale No.142/3 DA dated 28th June, 2001 which was forwarded to the Ministry on August 31, 2001 may please be seen at ----- **F/C** in the linked file.

(ii) On the basis of an affidavit submitted to the Justice Mukherjee Commission a Note Verbale No. SA/259/04 dated December 22, 2004 was sent to the MFA and reply was received from MFA vide Note Verbale No. 1314/2 DA dated 4 March 2005 enclosed with a copy of letter from Mr. V. Sayadyants to the Soviet Ambassador to Iran, Mr. I.V. Sadchikov regarding the political situation in India in 1946. may please be seen at -----**F/D** in the linked file.

Response of the Russian side :

(i) A reply was received from MFA vide Note Verbale No. 4295/2 DA dated 22.6.2007 stating therein that "the documents from Russian Archives handed over in June 2001 were for official use exclusively by the Government of India including for the work of the Commission set up by it for the investigation of circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose". This was conveyed to the Ministry vide letter No. MOS/POL/125/1/90 dated 4.7.2007. ----- **At F/E.**

Again on receipt of a copy of the decision of Central Information Commission vide No. RTI/551/76/06 dated 22.08.2007, (At F/F) Mission took up the matter with MFA vide Note Verbale No. SA/173/07 dated 18.9.2007, for which a reply was received vide No. 4295/2DA dated 1.10.07, reiterating their view that the documents from Russian Archives were submitted exclusively for official use by the GOI including This was conveyed to the Ministry vide E-gram dated 10.10.2007. ----- At F/G.

Submitted as desired by Min (Pol) please.

[Signature]
29/11/07

Min (Pol)

As instructed, relevant documents have been flagged for perusal pl.

[Signature]
29/11/07

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29/11/07

Ambassador



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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No.RTI/551/76/2006

Dated: 2nd November 2007

Shri O.P. Kejariwal,
Information Commissioner,
Central Information Commission,
Club Building, Old JNU Campus
New Delhi-110 067.

On the file pl.
Shri
22/11/07
ALL (P)

Subject:- Disclosure of complete correspondence with the USSR/Russia over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

As per directives of the Hon'ble Central Information Commission contained in Para 13 of the decision No.CIC/OK/A/2006/00671 dated 10th August, 2007 on the appeal filed by Shri Anuj Dhar of New Delhi seeking certified copies of the complete correspondence this Ministry had with the Governments of the USSR and the Russian Federation over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

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Anuj Dhar

Please find the documents.

Shri Anuj
22/11/07
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2. Our Embassy in Moscow again approached the Government of Russian Federation to get their consent to the disclosure of documents under reference; but the Government of Russian Federation reiterated that documents were submitted exclusively for official use by the Government of India including the works of the Commission established by the Government of India for investigation of Netajee Subhash Chandra Bose disappearance.

3. However, they state that the Indian citizen mentioned in the note of the Embassy can approach the authorities of the Federal and State Archives of the Russian Federation, through the Embassy of India, for permission to get to know **the Materials deposited in Federal and State Archives of the Russian Federation.**

Yours faithfully,

(A.K. Nag)

Joint Secretary(Wel. & Inf.) &
Central Public Information Officer

May pl. see the FR
together with our E-gnam
sent on Oct. 10.

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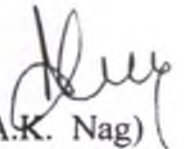
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Copy for information forwarded to:-

1. Shri Anuj Dhar, 263, Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110 018
2. Director(ERS), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi with reference to his Note No.WI(AD)/551/10/07 dated 25.10.2007
- ✓ 3. Minister (Pol), Embassy of India, Moscow.


(A.K. Nag)

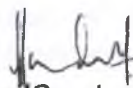
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No. WI(AD)/551/10/07
Ministry of External Affairs
(ERS Division)

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With reference your Note No. RTI/551/76/06 dated 22/8/2007 to JS (ERS) regarding **'disclosure of complete correspondence with the USSR/Russia over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose under RTI Act, 2005**, please find enclosed the unofficial translation of the note verbale dated 1 October'07 sent by Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in reply to the note verbale sent by our Embassy in Moscow on the subject.


(Arya Sandeep)
Director (ERS)
25 October 2007

JS (Wel. & Inf. &
Central Public Information Officer

✓ Copy to: **Minister (Pol.), Embassy of India, Moscow.**

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Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and with reference to the Note of the Embassy No. SA/173/07 dated the 18th of September 2007 has the honour to inform the following.

In addition to the Note of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation No. 4295/2DA dated the 22nd of June 2007 inform that documents from Russian archives were submitted exclusively for official use by the Government of India including the works of the Commission established by the Government of India for investigation of Netajee Subhas Chandra Bose disappearance details.

The Indian citizen mentioned in the Note of the Embassy has the right, through the Embassy of India to request and to get to know the materials deposited in Federal and State Archives of the Russian Federation, with the permission of its authorities.

The Ministry avails this opportunity to renew the Embassy of its highest consideration.

Moscow, 01st October, 2007

Appendix: Note No.4295/2DA

To the Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow

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E-GRAM

No.MOS/POL/125/1/90

October 10, 2007

From : Indembassy Moscow
To : Foreign New Delhi

AS(ERS) from Minister (Pol)

Please refer to note No.RTI/551/76/06 dated 22nd August, 2007 regarding disclosure of complete correspondence with the USSR/Russia over the Disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose under RTI Act, 2005.

We had again taken up the matter with the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In reply to our note verbale, they sent us a note verbale which I am paraphrasing below for your kind perusal.

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(Dr. Subhakanta Behera)
Minister (Political)

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E-GRAM

No.MOS/POL/125/1/90

October 10, 2007

From : Indembassy Moscow
To : Foreign New Delhi

AS(ERS) from Minister (Pol)

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We had again taken up the matter with the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In reply to our note verbale, they sent us a note verbale which I am paraphrasing below for your kind perusal.

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The Indian citizen mentioned in the Note of the Embassy has the right, through the Embassy of India to request and to get to know the materials deposited in Federal and State Archives of the Russian Federation, with the permission of its authorities.

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The Ministry avails this opportunity to renew the Embassy of its highest consideration.

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With regards,

Subhakanta Behera
10/10/07
(Dr. Subhakanta Behera)
Minister (Political)

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Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and ^{quoting} the Note of the Embassy No. SA/173/07 dated the 18th of September 2007 has the honour to inform following.

In addition to the Note of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation No. 4295/2DA dated the 22nd of June 2007 inform that documents from Russian archives were submitted exclusively for official use by the Government of India including the use by the Commission for investigation of Netajee Subhas Chandra Bose disappearance details (established by the Government of India) ^{works of}

^{The} Indian citizen mentioned in the Note of the Embassy has a right, through the Embassy ^{to} request and to ~~be~~ ^{to} get to know materials deposited in Federal and State Archives of the Russian Federation, with the permission of its authorities.

The Ministry avails this opportunity to renew the Embassy of its highest consideration.

Moscow, 01st October, 2007

Appendix: Note No.4295/2DA

To the Embassy of the Republic of India

Moscow
Reb. FR

May kindly see the reply received from the MFA in response to our NV of Sept. 18. Their stand remains unchanged. We may inform it to the MFA.

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Министерство Иностранных Дел Российской Федерации свидетельствует свое уважение Посольству Республики Индии в Москве и, ссылаясь на ноту Посольства № SA/173/07 от 18 сентября 2007 года, имеет честь сообщить следующее.

В дополнение к ноте Министерства иностранных дел Российской Федерации № 4295/2ДА от 22 июня 2007 года информируем, что документы из российских архивов передавались для официального использования исключительно Правительством Индии, в том числе для работы учрежденной им Комиссии по расследованию обстоятельств исчезновения Нетаджи Субхас Чандры Боса.

Упомянутый в ноте Посольства гражданин Индии имеет право через Посольство Индии запросить и ознакомиться с материалами федеральных и государственных архивов Российской Федерации с разрешения их руководства.

Министерство пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить Посольству уверения в своем высоком уважении.

Москва, « 1 » октября 2007 года



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Москва

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Unofficial translation

No4295/2DA

Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and quoting the Note of the Embassy No. SA/173/07 dated the 18th of September 2007 has the honour to inform following.

Documents from Russian archives mentioned in the Note of the Embassy were submitted, in particular, in June 2001 exclusively for official use by the Government of India including the use by the Commission for investigation of Netajee Subhas Chandra Bose disappearance details established by the Government of India.

We also inform that the access to Federal and State Archives of the Russian Federation is allowed with the permission of Federal archives Agency (Rosarchives), the reading in reading rooms of concrete archives with the permission of archives structures authorities of corresponding bodies on the basis of appeal of Embassies, scientific research institutes and public organizations.

The Ministry avails this opportunity to renew the Embassy of its highest consideration.

Moscow, 02nd June, 2007

To the Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow

№ 4295/2ДА

Министерство Иностранных Дел Российской Федерации свидетельствует свое уважение Посольству Республики Индии в Москве и, ссылаясь на ноту Посольства № SA/89/07 от 17 мая 2007 года, имеет честь сообщить следующее.

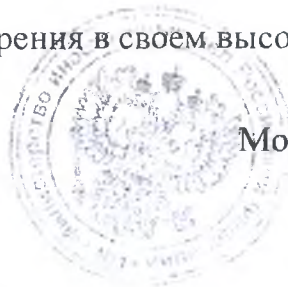
Документы из российских архивов, которые упоминаются в ноте Посольства, в частности, направленные в июне 2001 года, передавались для официального использования исключительно Правительством Индии, в том числе для работы учрежденной им Комиссии по расследованию обстоятельств исчезновения Нетаджи Субхас Чандры Боса.

Информируем также, что допуск к материалам федеральных и государственных архивов Российской Федерации предоставляется с согласия Федерального архивного агентства (Росархив), работа в читальных залах ведомственных архивов – с разрешения руководства архивных структур соответствующих ведомств по прямому обращению посольств, научно-исследовательских

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учреждений и общественных организаций.

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Посольству уверения в своем высоком уважении.



Москва, «22» июня 2007 года

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भारत का राजदूतावास, मास्को
EMBASSY OF INDIA
MOSCOW
Посольство Индии
Москва

18 September, 2007

The Embassy of India in Moscow presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to their Note Verbale No. 4295/2/DA dated 22nd June 2007 regarding disclosure of entire material obtained from the Russian side about the reported stay /disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1945 to an Indian citizen under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

The Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi had conveyed to the competent authority (the Central Information Commission) during the hearing of the Appeal, Russian side's view that the material in question was handed over "for official use exclusively by the Government of India including for the work of the Commission set up for the investigation of circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose". The material received from the Russian side was not disclosed to the Appellant. The competent authority has taken a view that if such material could be made available to the Justice Mukherjee Commission for inquiry, it could be disclosed to any Researcher now that the Commission's work is over. The competent authority is of the opinion that the material in question could be disclosed to the Appellant. They further advised the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi to obtain formal clearance for the disclosure of the entire material on the above subject from the Russian side.

The esteemed Ministry's clearance for disclosure of the above material may please be communicated to this Mission at an early date.

The Embassy of India in Moscow avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation
(2nd Asia Department)
Moscow



Since it has been already clarified that the material was provided to the Indian side 'exclusively' for the Commission's work and that it should not be shared with any individual, Appellant.

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**Embassy of India
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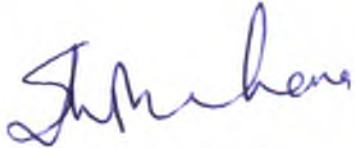
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JS(Wel.&Inf.) & Central Public Information Officer has forwarded us the CIC decision with request to initiate action in accordance with para-13. The Information Commission is all for disclosure of the material. The CIC does not see any reason why the material should not be disclosed now to any researcher since the Justice Mukherjee Commission's work is over. Accordingly it has advised the Ministry of External Affairs to seek the formal clearance from the Russian authorities in the matter.

2. DCM's last communication with JS(ERS) was made on 4th July, 2007. DCM had forwarded the translation of the note verbale received from the Russian Foreign Office.

3. In the light of above, we may again send a note verbale to the Foreign Office in accordance with para-13 of the CIC decision.

Submitted please.


(Dr. Subhakanta Behera)
Counsellor (Political)
Sept 13, 2007

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Yes, please do so.



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No.SA/173/07

The Embassy of India in Moscow presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to their Note Verbale No. 4295/2/DA dated 22nd June 2007 regarding disclosure of entire material obtained from the Russian side about the reported stay /disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1945 to an Indian citizen under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

The Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi had conveyed to the competent authority (the Central Information Commission) during the hearing of the Appeal. Russian side's view that the material in question was handed over "*for official use exclusively by the Government of India including for the work of the Commission set up for the investigation of circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose*". The material received from the Russian side was not disclosed to the Appellant. The competent authority has taken a view that if such material could be made available to the Justice Mukherjee Commission for inquiry, ~~they see no reason why this material should not be disclosed~~ to any Researcher now that the Commission's work is over. The competent authority is of the ~~same~~ opinion that the material in question ~~should~~ be disclosed to the Appellant. They further advised the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi to obtain formal clearance for the disclosure of the entire material on the above subject from the Russian side. *could* *could*

The esteemed Ministry's clearance for disclosure of the above material may please be communicated to this Mission at an early date.

The Embassy of India in Moscow avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation,
(2nd Asia Department)
Moscow**

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No. RTI/551/76/06
Ministry of External Affairs
(RTI Division)

Subject: - Disclosure of complete correspondence with the USSR/Russia over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose under RTI Act, 2005.

Please find enclosed herewith Central Information Commission's decision No.CIC/OK/A/2006/00671 dated 10th August, 2007 on the appeal filed by Shri Anuj Dhar of New Delhi.

2. It is requested that necessary action may please be initiated in accordance with para-13 of the CIC decision.

Encl....As above

[Signature]
(A.K. Nag)

Joint Secretary (Wel. & Inf.) &
Central Public Information Officer
22-08-2007

JS (Eurasia)

- May please take up with Russian authorities as per paragraph 13 of the attached pps.

Best wishes

[Signature]
JS (ERS)
24.8.07

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Central Information Commission

No.CIC/OK/A/2006/00671

Dated: 10 August 2007

Name of the Appellant : Shri Anuj Dhar,
263, Kangra Niketan,
Vikaspuri, New Delhi - 110 018.

Name of the Public Authority : Ministry of External Affairs

Background:

Shri Anuj Dhar of New Delhi filed an application with the PIO, Ministry of External Affairs, on 2 August 2006, for seeking certified copies of the complete correspondence the Ministry of External Affairs had with the Governments of the USSR and the Russian Federation over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. The PIO vide his letter dated 25 August 2006 informed the Appellant that the request to the Government of USSR and the Russian Federation were made through diplomatic channels at appropriate levels. The PIO also stated that the requisite copies of the correspondence could not be disclosed as it involves the relations with a foreign State and so was exempt from disclosure as per the provisions of Clause 8(1)(a)&(f) of the RTI Act.

3. Dissatisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed an appeal with the first Appellate Authority on 23 September 2006 who vide his letter dated 6 November 2006 again denied disclosure of the documents taking recourse to the Section 8(1)(a) and (i). The bench of Dr. O.P. Kejariwal, Information Commissioner, heard the matter on 23 March 2007.

4. The main stand of the Respondents to the information sought by the Appellant which is regarding the correspondence between India and the Government of the erstwhile USSR and present day Russia was that this information could not be disclosed as it was likely to affect the country's relationship with another State. On making enquiries from the Respondents, it was clear that this correspondence had neither been seen nor been examined by an expert to come to such a conclusion. Therefore, the Commission felt

Dr. O.P. Kejariwal
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that the Applicant's application had been treated casually.

5. The Commission then directed the Respondents to first have this correspondence examined by their own expert/s and if need be, by an outside expert who they could rely on and then take a firm decision. In case the experts came to the conclusion that the applicability of the denial clause was not relevant in the case, the material could be disclosed to the Appellant. However, in case the Respondents came to the conclusion that the relations between the Governments of India and Russia would be affected through the disclosure of this information, the Commission would like the issue to be settled only after a reference had been made to the Government of Russia.

6. The matter was taken up for a second hearing by the bench of Dr. O.P. Kejariwal, Information Commissioner on 10 August 2007.

7. Shri A.K. Naag, Joint Secretary (Inf. & Wel) & CPIO and Shri Nand Kishore, Under Secretary (RTI), represented the Respondents.

8. The Appellant, Shri Anuj Dhar, was present in person.

Decision:

9. The Commission heard both the sides. During the hearing, the Respondents stated before the Commission that they had received a response from the Government of the Russian Federation, Moscow, in pursuance of the Commission's earlier Order in the matter dated 23 March 2007.

10. This letter stated: "according to the correspondence received from the Embassy of India, Moscow, the Russian Foreign Office has stated that the documents handed over by them in June 2001 were meant only for the GOI's official use and for the work of the Commission in investigations into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose".

11. During the hearing, the Appellant stated that his request included the entire correspondence between the Governments of India and the USSR regarding the issue of Netaji's disappearance. The Commission accepted this request and directed the Respondents to clearly mention this while seeking the approval of the Russian authorities for disclosure of this material.

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
12. Also during the hearing, the Appellant made a plea for a copy of the letter received by the Ministry of External Affairs resulting from the application that he had made on the issue. The Commission saw no objection in this request and directs the Respondents to supply a copy of this letter to the Appellant.

13. The Commission further feels that if the material could be made available to the Justice Mukherjee Commission for inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji, there is no reason why this material should not be disclosed now to any Researcher now that that Commission's work is over. The information Commission, therefore, is all for disclosure of this material to the Appellant. However, it advises the Ministry of External Affairs to seek a formal clearance from the Russian Authorities in the matter.



(O.P. Kejariwal)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy:


(G. Subramanian)
Assistant Registrar



Cc:

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2. Shri A.K. Nag, Joint Secretary (Wel & Inf) & Central Public Information Officer, Room No. 207, Akbar Bhawan, Ministry of External Affairs, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021
3. Shri Ajay Choudhary, Additional Secretary & Appellate Authority, Room No. 144 C, South Block, Ministry of External Affairs, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110011
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Netaji files' disclosure ordered

New Delhi, Aug. 16: The Central Information Commission (CIC) has asked the external affairs ministry to disclose its correspondence with the erstwhile USSR over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

"The Commission feels that if the material could be made available to the Justice Mukherjee Commission for inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji, there is no reason why this material should not be disclosed to any researcher now," information commissioner Mr OP Kejariwal said.

The Commission made this observation while hearing Mission Netaji's plea for certified copies of the complete correspondence between India and the USSR over Netaji's disappearance in 1945. The CIC, in its decision, relied on a letter from officials in Moscow that said the documents which were handed over to India were meant for "official use and for the work of the Mukherjee Commission. n PTI

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№ 4295/2ДА

Министерство Иностранных Дел Российской Федерации свидетельствует свое уважение Посольству Республики Индии в Москве и, ссылаясь на ноту Посольства № SA/89/07 от 17 мая 2007 года, имеет честь сообщить следующее.

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Москва, «22» июня 2007 года

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Embassy of India
Moscow
(Political Wing)

Reference FR and noting of FS(Pol) thereon.

2. It seems the Russian Foreign Office does not want to add anything beyond what they have already put in the note verbale of June 22, 2007. However, if the said note verbale is read together with the bilateral Agreement of 2000, it becomes clear that there is no bar on supplying confidential information to persons asking for the same. According to Article 3.6 of the Agreement, decisions to hand over particular classified information shall be taken by the Parties on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the laws of their States.

3. Moreover as a scrutiny of the correspondences between the Soviet/Russian and Indian sides shows they do not contain any sensitive information. All the correspondences convey the result of the search in the Russian Archives. Perhaps that is why JS(CNV) was inclined to suggest the disclosure of the correspondences.

4. Given my positive view on the matter for disclosure of the correspondences, I would, however, like to propose that the Ministry may be sent a copy of the note verbale received from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and asked to take into cognizance of the Agreement of 2000 before taking any final decision on the matter. If needed, L&T Division in the Ministry may also be consulted.

Submitted please.



(Dr. Subhakanta Behera)
Counsellor (Political)
July 3, 2007

DCM

As dictated :-

Letter to be sent

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No. 4295/2/DA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in the Russian Federation and, in reference to the Note SA/89/07 dated 17th May 2007, has honour to inform the following : -

The documents from Russian archives referred to in the Embassy's note, in particular, handed over in June 2001 for official use exclusively by the Government of India including for the work of the Commission set up by it for the investigation of circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

We further inform that the access to materials belong to federal and state archives of the Russian Federation is given with the consent of Federal Agency of Archives (Rosarchiv), and permission to work in reading halls of agency archives is given by authorities of archives belong to concerned agencies on direct requests by embassies, scientific & research institutions and social organizations.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation avails this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of India in the Russian Federation assurances of its highest consideration.

As directed, I spoke to Mr. Helyachenko for clarification re: this note. He had nothing to add and said that he had forwarded the formulation as above received from 'other' agencies.
Moscow, 22 June 2007
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C(PH)
C(PH)
Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow

JS (Eurasia)'s letter may be seen at F/A.

The tone of the NV received from the MFA is not clear. The reply to our question should have been 'yes' or 'no'.

May pl. see.

cd'A

Shubhanshu
25/6/07

★ - Copy of bilateral Agreement signed in Oct. 2000 on Mutual Protection of Confidential Materials is enclosed herewith.
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Москва, «22» июня 2007 года



Dr. J. Bhagwati
Joint Secretary

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M. Manmohide

We spoke again today.

Please get a response
expedited.

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No.S-404/JS(ERS)/07

Dear Divyabh,

This is with reference to my letter no. 11/JS (ERS)/2007 dated April 20, 2007 regarding a request made under "Right to information" (copy enclosed for ready reference). It is requested that the Russian side's response may kindly be intimated at an early date.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. J. Bhagwati)

✓ Shri Divyabh Manchanda,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India, Moscow

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AS(PP), JS(CNV)

(Dr. J. Bhagwati)

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No. 11 /JS(ERS)/2007

20 April 2007

Dear

Please refer to AS (PP) and Appellate Authority (RTI)'s self-explanatory note [enclosed] no. 30/AS(PP)/2007 dated 28 March 2007. In the context of the AS (PP)'s note, JS (CNV) has listed correspondence between the Russian and Indian sides regarding Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's reported stay in the then USSR. JS(CNV) has suggested that we may disclose this correspondence between India and Russia to the appellant. A copy of JS (CNV)'s note is also enclosed.

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Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Dr. J. Bhagwati)

Shri Divyabh Manchanda
Deputy Chief Of Mission
Embassy of India, Moscow

Copy (without enclosures) to:

- i) AS(PP)
- ii) JS(CNV)

(Dr. J. Bhagwati)



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Polye, Moscow
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No.SA/89/07

17 May, 2007

The Embassy of India in Moscow presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to their Note Verbale No. 2/YuA dated 8 January 1992 and subsequent correspondence, (viz. No. 73/YuA dated 27 October 1995, N 547 dated 20 March 1997, 1907/3DA dated 20 March 2003 and 5954/2DA dated 6 October 2004) including a letter from Ambassador Yu. Kutov regarding information about the reported stay of a former President of Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1945 and thereafter.

An Indian citizen had filed a petition under the Right to Information Act 2005, for obtaining all information/documents relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The information obtained from the Russian side was denied to the appellant at that time. Thereupon an appeal was filed by the concerned citizen and currently the Government of India is considering whether the information/documents obtained from Russian authorities on the subject could be released to appellant. Views of the Russian side whether the information provided by them could be released to the appellant would be essential for the Government of India to take decision on the matter.

The esteemed Ministry's views on the matter may please be communicated to this Mission at an early date.

The Embassy of India in Moscow avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation,
(2nd Asia Department),
Moscow**



You may ask them after a week, & find out their response. If they can indicate the precise date when they are likely to give their views.

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Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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Right to Information
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No. 30/AS(PP)/2007

Ministry of External Affairs
Additional Secretary (PP)'s Office

Sub. : Appeal filed by Shri Anuj Dhar under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Shri Anuj Dhar had initially requested this Ministry last year requesting form information on the following two points:-

1. Certified copies of complete correspondence the MEA has had with the Governments of the USSR and the Russian Federation over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
2. Confirmation on whether the Ministry had sought information from the erstwhile Soviet Union and now the Russian Federation by merely issuing Notes Verbale, or some serious efforts were ever made at a higher (say Ministerial) level to uncover the mystery surrounding the fate of Netaji.

The information was denied to Shri Dhar by this Ministry whereupon he filed an appeal with the CIC. The appeal was considered by the CIC on 23 March, 2007. The CIC has directed that the Ministry should have the documents under reference carefully examined by a panel of experts to determine whether the information sought by the applicant can be given or not.

While we have not received the final decision of the Commission, this would a time-bound exercise and it is, therefore, requested that JS(CNV) may please make the records available to me for a preliminary examination so that expeditious action can be taken on receipt of the formal decision of the CIC.

A Choudhry
(Ajai Choudhry)
Additional Secretary (PP) &
Appellate Authority (RTI)
28 March 2007

JS(CNV)

Copy, forwarded to, JS(Eurasia), with the request that any papers on the above subject with the Eurasia Division may please be sent to me as soon as possible.

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September 16 1991

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR and has the honour to enclose herewith a collection of documents on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, at one time a President of the Indian National Congress and a leading figure in the Indian freedom movement, received from Mr. Chitta Basu, Member of Parliament and General Secretary, All India Forward Bloc, a group founded by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and at present a constituent of the Left Front Government in the Indian state of West Bengal.

2. In these documents there are suggestions quoting the then Soviet Ambassador in Kabul and the Soviet Vice Consul in Teheran to the effect that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose might have found his way to the Soviet Union after the alleged aeroplane crash in August 1945. As recently as March 5 1990, The Hindustan Times, an Indian daily newspaper, quoted a scholar of the Soviet Institute of Oriental Studies to the effect that there are two Soviet scholars who have applied to the Government of the USSR for permission to examine classified documents.

3. In the light of the current policy on Soviet national archives the Embassy of India would appreciate if any material that sheds light on the fate of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the archives of Soviet organisations, including security organisations, is made available to the Embassy of India.

4. The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Government of USSR,
Moscow.

Encl. as above.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Russian Federation

No. 2/YuA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of Republic of India and with reference to the Embassy's Note dated 16 September 1991, has the honour to inform that according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of the former President of Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, in the Soviet Union in 1945 and thereafter.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow
8 January 1992

Embassy of the
Republic of India
Moscow



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No SA/83/95

July 27, 1995

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to correspondence resting with their Note Verbale No. 2/YuA of 8 January, 1992, regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Enclosed is a booklet which contends that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose may have come to the former Soviet Union in 1945. There has been further speculation in this context reportedly on the basis of archival materials. In view of this, it would be highly appreciated if all materials available on the subject could be examined for a final determination on whether or not Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose entered or stayed anywhere in the territory of the former Soviet Union in 1945 or subsequently.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation
(South Asia Department)
Moscow

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and with reference to the Embassy's note No. SA/83/95 dated July 27, 1995, has the honour to state that as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia, and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of Documents of Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow
27 October 1995

Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow



Pripuran Singh Haer
Charge d'Affaires

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with regards,

Yours sincerely

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Shri R.L. Narayan
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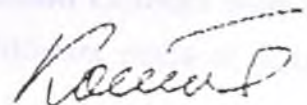
H.E. Mr. Ronen Sen
Ambassador of India
to the Russian Federation

Dear Ronen,

Enclosed You will find our note concerning Subhash Chandra Bose. Do believe that we have tried our best to discover any relevant facts.

Unfortunately, I am profoundly distressed being unable to provide any positive information on the subject of not the least importance for the Indian public. Alas, by now it appears that we can be sure that Netaji has never set foot on the Russian soil. Extensive research carried out upon the latest request of Yours can hardly leave any doubts to this effect.

Sincerely Yours,



Yu. Kotoy

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Intervention by H.E. Mr. Anatoly M. Drukov,
Ambassador of Russia in India during the
press-conference on the 21.02.96 in
the Foreign Correspondents' Club

In Russia as well as in the erstwhile Soviet Union Subhash Chandra Bose is deeply honoured as one of the most outstanding sons of friendly Indian people, who dedicated his whole life to the liberation of India.

We extend great respect, understanding and attention to those actions aimed at finding out true circumstances of his demise.

Along with this, being a foreigner, I can speak about the matters concerning my country only. And now I can only reiterate what my Government has already said in the verbal note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation No 73/YuA dated October 27, 1995 as a reply to the request of the Indian Government:

"As a result of the investigations carried out at the collections of the Central Archives of the Federal Security Service of Russia and of the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of Documents of Modern History, there was found no information on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the erstwhile USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years".

I realise that on the centenary anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose too much emotion appears among the representatives of different strata of Indian society.

Hence I would rather avoid any additional comments on the subject.

Thank You.

State may wish to see the Russian Ambassador
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Directorate of Foreign Relations
Ministry of Defence of the
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Letter to Mr. Singh

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March 20, 1997

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The Directorate of Foreign Relations of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to you and has the honour to forward herewith the letter of Mr. L. Joychandra Singh addressed a second time to the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation.

In reply to this repeated query, the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence (CAMD) of the Russian Federation has pointed out that there is no other data relating to the fate of Subhash Chandra Bose besides the information conveyed to you vide letter No.1843 dated October 28, 1996 (enclosing No.2/22672 of the CAMD).

We request you to kindly inform Mr. L. Joychandra Singh of the above reply from the Archives.

The Directorate of Foreign Relations of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Military Wing of the Embassy of India in Moscow the assurances of its highest consideration.

Military Attache in the
Embassy of the Republic of India
in the Russian Federation

Brig. D. Singh

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Russian Federation

No. 1907/3DA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and, with reference to the Embassy's note verbale No. SA/10/03 dated 8 January 2003 and the Ministry's note verbale No. 142/3DA dated 28 June, 2001 has the honour to inform you about the following:

A search was conducted for documents related to the fate of S.C. Bose in the following federal archives:

Russian State Military Archive (RGVA), Russian State Archives of Socio-Political History (RGASPI), State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), and Russian State Historical Archives of the Far East (RGIA DV). The information requested for was not found in the GARF, RGVA and RGIA DV archives.

Copies of the documents found in the RGIA DV Archives were sent to the Embassy in 2001. | w

No information has been found about the fate of S.C. Bose in the Central Archives of the Russian FSB, the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation, in the manuscript section of the Russian State Library or in the Russian State Archives of Photographic Documents (RGAKFD).

We would also like to inform that the personnel archives of Eva Yakovlevna Lyusternik were sent after her death to the Russian Academy of Sciences', Institute of Oriental Studies and the open part of the archival material on I.V. Stalin was sent from the archives of the President of the Russian Federation to RGASPI.

The Ministry would like to use this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow, 20th March 2003

Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow

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No. 5954/2DA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and, in continuation of Note No. 5538/2DA dated September 14, 2004, has the honour to inform that information sought on the fate of India's prominent political figure Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was not found in the Central Archives of the Federal Security Service of Russia.

The Ministry avails of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow, October 6, 2004

Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow

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Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division

Sub : Appeal filed by Shri Anuj Dhar under Right to Information Act

Reference note at **FR** from AS (PP) and Appellate Authority (RTI) regarding CIC's directives on appeal by Shri Anuj Dhar who was denied information requested concerning disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and his whereabouts in the former USSR/Russia, if any.

2. Vide letter of 02.08.06, at **F/A** Shri Dhar had requested for (a) certified copies of complete correspondence between MEA and the Government of USSR/Russia over the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, referring to Our Embassy's intervention with the Russian MFA in 1992, 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2003; and (b) whether MEA sought information from the Russian side in a routine manner through issue of Note Verbales or some serious efforts were made at a higher level.

3. Vide issue of 25.08.06 at **F/B** CPIO, on the basis of inputs from CNV Division replied to Shri Dhar conveying that (a) requests to the Governments of the USSR/Russia were made through diplomatic channels at appropriate levels; and (b) requisite copies of the correspondence sought cannot be disclosed as it involves relations with a foreign state and is exempt under provisions of Clause 8(1)(a)&(f) of the RTI Act. Under Clause 8(1)(a) there is no obligation to give any citizen information, disclosure of which would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the State, relation with foreign State or lead to incitement of an offence. Under Clause 8(1)(f) there is no obligation to give "information received in confidence from foreign government".

4. Shri Dhar vide his letter of 23.09.06 at **F/C** had appealed to then Secretary (ER) and Appellate Authority (RTI) on the ground that the reasons given by the CPIO denying him the information asked for are untenable. With regard to the intervention with the USSR/Russian Government for information on Netaji's disappearance, Shri Dhar seeks to know if this matter was pursued at a higher (say Ministerial) level. Regarding Ministry's resort to Clause 8(1)(a) Shri Dhar wrote that this is not intelligible to him as to how correspondence dealing with the disappearance of a national hero can be threat to India or its relations with USSR, which does not exist and has been disowned by the successor state of the Russian Federation. He has also questioned as to why information received in this matter of national importance should be confidential. In response to the appeal, CNV Division has conveyed to JS (Inf) and CPIO vide its note dated 01.11.06 at **F/D** that (a) the information sought for by Shri Dhar, i.e, whether serious efforts were made with interventions at higher levels with the Russian Government to seek information on Netaji's disappearance does not constitute "information" as defined in the RTI Act, and the question is anecdotal in nature, and (b) that copies of correspondence cannot be disclosed as it involves relations with a foreign state and is exempt under the relevant clauses in the RTI Act. Though there is no evidence on this NGO file, it is our understanding that these views were conveyed by the Secretary (ER) and Appellate Authority (RTI) to Shri Dhar. Presumably, what was meant was that Shri Dhar was seeking the opinion of the MEA as to whether the efforts made by GOI in its interventions with the Russian Government were serious or just routinely taken up. Since such 'opinion' is not covered under Clause 1(f) hence it cannot be construed as 'information'.

6. The undersigned has gone through all available records in NGO Section pertaining to correspondence with the USSR/Russian Governments seeking information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In particular, attention is drawn to a note recorded in December 1998 at **F/E** on linked file giving the chronological background to such correspondence starting from May 1990 in the Note for Supplementaries prepared for Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 174 for answer on 10.12.98 dealing with the Asiatic Society's request for access to Russian archives. It may also be seen from the attached

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'Anticipated Questions and their Answers' that Ministry was willing to disclose the contents of the Note Verbalé received from the Russian Government in response to Indian demarches regarding information on Netaji on the floor of the House. There is no available on NGO files to indicate if such information was in fact disclosed on the floor of the House when the PQ was answered. However, the point to note is Ministry's willingness to disclose such information. As per the last line under Clause 8 of RTI Act, "information which cannot be denied to the Parliament or the State legislature shall not be denied to any person." Therefore, if such information has already been disclosed on the floor of the House or even by virtue of Ministry's willingness to disclose, we may not deny such information requested by Shri Anuj Dhar.

7. Chronologically, the correspondence copies available on file and linked files and sought by Shri Dhar are listed as under :

- (a) N.V. No. Nil dated 16.09.91 from E/I, Moscow to MFA, USSR Government at F/F on linked file;
- (b) N.V. No. 2/YuA dated 08.01.92 from Russian MFA to E/I, Moscow at F/G;
- (c) N.V. No. SA/83/95 dated 27.07.95 from E/I, Moscow to MFA, Russian Government at F/H. on linked file;
- (d) N.V. No. 73/YuA dated 27.10.95 from Russian MFA to E/I, Moscow at F/I;
- (e) D.O. letter from CDA, E/I, Moscow enclosing Amb. Kotov's letter to Amb. Ronen Sen at F/J on linked file;
- (f) Record of intervention by Russian Ambassador to India at a press conference on 21.02.96 at F/K on linked file;
- (g) N.V. No. N547 dated 20.03.97 from Russian Defence Ministry to E/I, Moscow at F/L;
- (h) N.V. No. 1907/3DA dated 20.03.03 from Russian MFA to E/I, Moscow at F/M; and
- (k) N.V. No. 5954/2DA dated 06.10.04 from Russian MFA to E/I, Moscow at F/N.

8. A perusal of the available correspondence shows the continuous effort made by the Ministry through the Embassy in Moscow to obtain information available, if any, on Netaji's whereabouts in Russia. It also shows that such effort was made at very high levels even through correspondence between the Indian Ambassador to Russia and his Russian counterpart. One such correspondence is even addressed to a private Indian citizen in Manipur and the same has been passed on to him by our Embassy in Moscow. There is no evidence to suggest that such correspondence was received in confidence and not to be disclosed. However, it would be beyond the competence of CNV Division to make such a judgment merely on perusal of the files/records available in NGO Section. AS (PP) and Appellate Authority (RTI) may like to consult Eurasia Division and Embassy of India, Moscow on whether disclosure of such information under RTI, would be detrimental to bilateral relations.

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D. Shaw
(Debnath Shaw)
JS (CNV)
09 April, 2007

AS (PP) & Appellate Authority (RTI)

Both the CPIO and the Appellate Authority, RTI, Act, in the Ministry denied information to the applicant on the grounds that the correspondence cannot be disclosed as this involves relations with a foreign state. As per CIC directive, JS (Eurasia) may please examine whether disclosure of the requested information can be denied under the RTI, Act and convey his comments to me at the earliest.

JS (Eurasia)

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To : AS(PP) MEA, New Delhi Fax : 91-11-23013387	From: First Secretary (Pol) Indembassy, Moscow
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With reference to DS[Russia]'s message regarding AS[PP]'s note to JS[CNV] No. RTI-36/AS (PP)/2007 dated 9th April 2007 on an appeal filed under No. RTI act 2005.

2. Please find faxed herewith currently available few copies of this Mission's correspondence with local authorities on the subject. We will send more material, if available, by the earliest diplomatic bag.

With kind regards

[Signature]

(Dr. Suresh Babu)
FS [Pol]
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To
Justice Mukherji
Commission of Inquiry
Mirza Ghalib Street
Kolkata

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that as per your request we have checked the Private Archive of Prof. E.Ya.Lusternic in the Indian Center of the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.

We regret to inform you that there is no document on Subash Chandra Bose.

With sincere regards

T. Shaumian

(Shaumian T.L.
Head, the Indian Center of the Institute of Oriental Studies,
Russian Academy of Sciences,
Moscow)

26.09.2005

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Extracts of the book, whiten by Yuri L. Kuznets
"Marauders are quitting the game".
Published in 1992 by "Interpraktst", Moscow

Unofficial translation.

"Matsotta" is obtaining Soviet visa.

Instructions were really complicated. It was necessary to send Subhas Chandra Bose to Germany. He was wanted by Britain secret service, colonial Administration and local police throughout India. Bose was staunch and irreconcilable adversary of Great Britain and may be the most dangerous one at that time.

In contrast to Indian National Congress, Bose and his activists basically counted on armed struggle and open cooperation against enemies of England – Germany, Italy and Japan. Bose dreamed about freedom for India through crushing defeat of Britain. Bose could not do it himself, so he linked activity of his troops and groups with assault of Germany on India from the West, and Japan from the East. The aim of Bose was to expedite the assault in all possible ways and reinforce it from inside by subversive Anti-English activity in India and if possible, to attached nature of mass anti-British revolt. However, at that time, not all people considered his activity as "subversive". Fascism was not so popular in India at that time, but racism and violence were condemned everywhere. A lot of Indians were satisfied with telling blows, delivered hateful center of empire by axis countries, in particular, against the background of British demonstrative non-recognition of Indian rights for self-determination. J. Nehru wrote about this period : How can we conciliate two basic directions of our policy – opposition to British imperialism and opposition to fascism and nazism ? How can we adjust our nationalism with our internationalism ? That was a difficult question for us, taking in view current situation. However, this question would not be difficult, if the British Government take a step to show us its refusal from imperialistic policy in India and rely on people's good will."

But it did not happen. Indian public reacted accordingly. Describing the psychological atmosphere in the country that time, Jawaharlal Nehru wrote: "People were pushing out not by patriotic feelings, but by their willingness to save themselves from an offense and the worst".

So, S. Bose did not have any mass support, but he could use the mood of majority for his own purposes. Nehru wrote about it the following: "Protection of the imperialism, which we were fighting with for such a long time, seemed to be non-sense and impossible to us."

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Of course, Bose made his main counting on the military defeat of England, at the time when Hitler's Germany had been already at the war with it and Japan was still neutral. So, Bose was interested in Berlin. When Japan occupied Burma and came close to the India's borders, Bose reoriented to the Far East.

In spring 1941 his ways crossed with Bhagat Ram. Bose decided to shift from India to Berlin, because some of his friends and relatives were arrested in India and he, by himself also was wanted. He needed Hitler's support, including financial one. Ports were under police control and departure through one of them was very risky. Bose took another way and in February came to Kabul. He was accompanied by Bhagat Ram, who was not a member of Bose's organization, he did not like axis-members but he was posted as Bose's escort by his party "Kirti Kissan" because of his knowledge of Peshawar zone which they had to cross as well as Afghanistan and Kabul. He also had his own flat in Kabul – the premises which belonged to Ulam Chang and his shop. It was supposed that Ram was doing a favour to Bose only due to their common aim – to weak British positions in India at most.

Ram fulfilled his task. Bose settled down in Kabul and started to make arrangements for the next step of his journey. During war time, he could come to Germany only through the territory of USSR. For this purpose he required a passport, which he did not have. German Embassy applied to the Italian one. Italians considered the German request positively. Bose got passport in respect of Italian citizen Mazzotta. Holding this passport Bose applied to the Soviet Embassy for transit visa, crossed the USSR territory and came to Berlin.

Mazzotta disappeared. But German Consulate General drew attention to Bhagat Ram, who was introduced as a powerful Indian activist in Afghanistan and India with anti-British orientation. It was of interest and he was suggested to work for the German Secret Service. German resident was satisfied with Ram's past, his contacts and mood, especially because he was concerned about difficulties of the anti-British activities in India, shortage of agents and information as well as conspiratorial bases in India. Bose's recommendation also helped. Ram was thinking : it would be important for me and my party to establish contacts with enemies of their enemies.

Offer on co-operation was accepted. Ram left German Consulate having 100 000 Indian Rupees in his pocket, 12 guns and bullets. Money and arms were required by the people whom Ram would be recruiting in India. Since May 1941 after the German finished their checking Ram had become the main agent of the German Secret Service in India.



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No. SA/194/05

September 9, 2005

The Embassy of India in Moscow presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to Embassy's earlier Note Verbales on the visit of a delegation of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Russia from September 20-30, 2005 in connection with enquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

It is confirmed that all logistical arrangements for official JMCI delegation and the accompanying eight deponents would be facilitated by the Embassy, with no financial implications to the Russian side.

It would be appreciated if the decision of the esteemed Ministry on visas for the visiting team may kindly be expedited.

The Embassy of India in Moscow avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation,
(Consular Department)
Moscow**



**Copy to: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian
Federation (Second Asia Department), Moscow.**

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

No. 5830 /2DA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of India in the Russian Federation and with reference to the Embassy's Notes No. SA/166/05 of 08 August, No. SA/174/05 of 18 August and No. SA/179/05 and No. SA/180/05 of 26 August this year has the honour to inform as follows :

Justice Mukherjee as a Head of the Delegation, set up by the Government of India to inquire about life of Subhas Chandra Bose pertaining to the period from 1945 onwards, as well as the accompanying delegation will be given access to the documents, kept in the Reading Halls of the Federal and State Archives of the Subjects of the Russian Federation in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Irkutsk and Omsk through the Federal Archives Agency of the Russian Federation. All expenditures related to the arrangements for their visit, air-passage, accommodation, transport and medical insurance etc. should be borne by the Indian side. The Federal Archive Agency requests to inform Mr. M.K. Mukherjee of the addresses of Federal Archives, given below :

1. Russian State Archive for social and political history – 103 821. Moscow, 15, B. Dmitrovka Str. Director – Kiril M. Anderson. Tel. 229 97 26.
2. Russian State Archive of Audio- Photo Documents – 143 400, Moscow Region, Krasnogorsk, 1, Rechnaya Str. Director – Lyudmila P. Zapryagaeva. Tel. 562 14 64, 563 08 45
3. Russian State Archive for Phono Documents, 105 005, Moscow, 3, 2ya Baumanskaya Str. Director – Vladimir A. Kolyada. Tel. 261 13 00
4. Russian State Naval Archive – 191 186, St. Perersburg, 36, Millionnaya Str. Director – Vladimir S. Sobolev, Tel. (812) 312 11 37

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The Federal Archives Agency recommends the following for work with the documents of :

- Central State Archive of St. Petersburg – to apply to St. Petersburg Archives Committee (193 015, St. Petersburg, 39, Tavricheskaya Str). Chairman of the Committee – Mr. Anatoly D. Yashkov. Tel. (812) 271 44 55).
- State Archive of Omsk Region – to apply to the Archive Department of the Ministry for State and Legal Development of Omsk Region. Head – Ms. Galina Yu. Borodina (644 099, Omsk, 1, Tretyakova Str.) Tel. (381-2) 25 57 26
- State Archive of Irkutsk Region – to apply to Archive Department of Irkutsk Region. Head – Ms. Nadezhda K. Shestakova (664003 Irkutsk, 36a, Gorkogo Str), Tel. (395-2) 24 06 42.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow “15 “ September, 2005

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
Moscow

На протяжении продолжительного периода времени индийская сторона ставит вопрос о поиске в России сведений, касающихся обстоятельств исчезновения политического деятеля Индии Субхаша Чандры Боса.

Российская сторона неоднократно подтверждала свое согласие на то, чтобы представители комиссии М.К.Мукерджи могли ознакомиться с документами, находящимися в открытом доступе федеральных архивов и государственных архивов субъектов Российской Федерации, а также в Институте Востоковедения Российской академии Наук (см. ноту МИД России № 2557/2ДА от 18.07.2005 г.).

Удовлетворить просьбу индийской стороны о доступе к закрытым архивам не представляется возможным. В соответствии с законодательством Российской Федерации (Закон об архивном деле от 2004 г.) работа с нерассекреченными документами разрешена лишь для строго определенной категории лиц, без всяких исключений. Это касается не только представителей других государств, но и граждан Российской Федерации.

Исходя из дружественного характера российско-индийских отношений и принимая во внимание значимость этой темы для индийской стороны, российские компетентные органы провели исчерпывающие изыскания архивных материалов за период с 40-х до середины 50-х гг., в результате которых был выявлен ряд документов в которых упоминалось имя С.Ч.Боса. Все они в копии переданы индийской стороне (в частности, найденный в 2004 г. в архивах ФСБ 46-ти страничный документ).

В закрытых архивных фондах, находящихся на территории Российской Федерации каких-либо сведений о С.Ч.Босе не обнаружено.



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No. SA/180/05

August 26, 2005

The Embassy of India in Moscow presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to Embassy's earlier communications regarding the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Russia from September 18-30, 2005.

By way of background information, given below are the relevant details of JMCI :-

- (i) *The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, vide a gazette notification No. S.O.339(E) dated 14th May 1999 appointed Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for Inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose under Section (3) of the Commission of Inquiry Act of 1952 (60 of 1952).*
- (ii) *As per this notification, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry shall inquire into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including:-*
 - (a) *whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;*
 - (b) *If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;*
 - (c) *Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are the ashes of Netaji;*
 - (d) *Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;*
 - (e) *If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.*
- (iii) *The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of Scrutiny of Publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise on Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.*
- (iv) *Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry is funded by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and is an official Commission.*

The Embassy of India in Moscow avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation,
(Second Asia Department)
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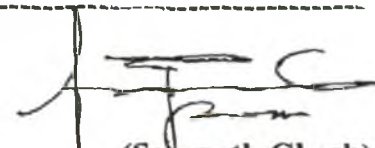
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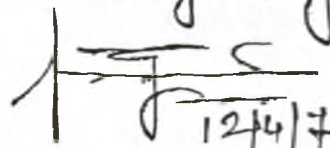
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Reminder:

This is time bound.

Pl. send response urgently.


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(Ajai Choudhry)
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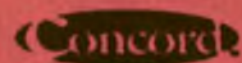
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